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To San Francisco City officials:

On March 31, 2017, thirteen nonprofit associations joined together to submit an amicus brief challenging the Trump Administration's Executive Order threatening federal funding for "sanctuary jurisdictions" nationwide. The brief expressed support for the lawsuit filed by the City and County of San Francisco in the Northern District of California, challenging the applicable provisions of the Executive Order. The amicus brief demonstrates that uncertainty created by the Order causes real and imminent harm to nonprofits and to the clients and communities we serve. Many of the participating associations also signed on to a brief supporting the similar lawsuit filed by the County of Santa Clara.

As you know, many nonprofit organizations rely on federal funding that states, counties and municipalities receive and pass through to them to provide services. It is a frightening reality that funding for nonprofit organizations and the vital programs they provide to the community is in jeopardy, and it is evident that the community is anxious about the threatened loss of services. Our briefs depict to the court how federal funding cuts will severely and negatively impact community initiatives by endangering programs that provide preventive health care, meals for seniors, HIV/AIDS assistance, domestic violence services and mental health treatment. This puts both vulnerable individuals and the community at large at risk.

The associations filed the brief with the pro bono assistance of Cooley LLP and the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. "We're proud to combine our efforts with the amazing team at the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley to ensure that all individuals have equal access to crucial resources provided by nonprofits in their communities," said Maureen Alger, partner with Cooley. "Cooley is honored to help provide a voice to the nonprofits that work so hard to better their communities."

The nonprofits' San Francisco brief is available at:
http://www.sfn.org/documents/hsn_iss_oth_sanbrf_03-29-17.pdf

The nonprofit associations that submitted the amicus brief in San Francisco are:

API Council of San Francisco
California Association of Nonprofits
Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly (CASE)
Council of Community Housing Organizations (CCHO)
HIV/AIDS Providers Network (HAPN)
Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA)
Long Term Care Coordinating Council
San Francisco Human Services Network (HSN)
San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC)
San Francisco Latino Parity and Equity Coalition
San Francisco Mental Health Contractors Association
Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits
Supportive Housing Providers Network

We are pleased to stand with the City and County of San Francisco in opposing this unjust and illegal threat to our City and community, to undocumented immigrants, and to funding for crucial services for our most disadvantaged populations.

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